GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Palnadu District - Sri M.Koteswara Rao, VRO, Gottimukkala (V), Gurajala (M) erstwhile Guntur District - Violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charges - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1040 **Dated:02.12.2022.**
Read:-

G.O.Rt.No.1037, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, Dt:02.12.2022

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri M.Koteswara Rao, VRO, Gottimukkala (V), Gurajala (M) erstwhile Guntur District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charges (Annexure–I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure - III & IV).

3. Sri M.Koteswara Rao, VRO is directed to submit, within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. Sri M.Koteswara Rao, VRO is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri M.Koteswara Rao, VRO is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para–3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri M.Koteswara Rao, VRO, Gottimukkala (V), Gurajala (M) erstwhile Guntur District is invited to Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri M.Koteswara Rao, VRO, Gottimukkala (V), Gurajala (M) erstwhile Guntur District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To:
Sri M.Koteswara Rao, VRO, Gottimukkala (V), Gurajala (M) erstwhile Guntur District **through** the Collector & District Magistrate, Palnadu District, Narasaraopeta.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Palnadu District, Narasaraopeta.
Copy to:
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur.
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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI M. KOTESWARA RAO, THE THEN VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, GOTTIMUKKALA VILLAGE, GURAZALA MANDAL

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ARTICLE OF CHARGE -I: That the said Sri M. Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal being a responsible Government Servant, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal has recommended for issuance of Pattadar Pass Books irregularly in Sy.Nos.607/2, 607/3, 744/2, 674/3, 744/1, 712/5, 712/1, 718, 640/3A etc., of Gottimukkala Village of Gurazala Mandal which are recorded as Government lands in Revenue Records in favour of Smt. Rondi Akkamma, Sri Rondi Venkata Siva, Sri Rondi Siva Naga Raju and Sri Rondi Siva Krishna and caused to get huge amounts by way of bank loans who are not actual title holders without proper verification and enquiry with due procedure as followed by the Revenue Authorities. He violated the AP Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books Act, 1971 read with rules 1989. He has showed gross negligence in his legitimate duties. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -II: That the said Sri M. Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal being a responsible Government Servant, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal has colluded with the then Tahsildar, Gurazala Mandal and also Rondi Sambaiah's family members and made irregular online entries in Revenue Records i.e., Adangal as well as in 1-B Register of Gottimukkala village of Gurazala Mandal. He has showed gross negligence in his legitimate duties. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -III: That the said Sri M. Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal being a responsible Government Servant, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal has made necessary modifications by way of tampering as Rythwari - Punji as against the existing classification i.e., Gayalu (AW land) as per the Manuscript Register in question in respect of Sy.Nos. 523 to 770 of Gottimukkala village of Gurazala Mandal in favour of the ineligible applicants. He has showed gross negligence in his legitimate duties. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -IV: That the said Sri M. Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal being a responsible Government Servant, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal has failed maintenance of Revenue Records and also not taken any steps to built the records as per the need of Revenue Administration in day-to-day activities so as to deliver the goods to the common man or public. He has showed gross negligence in his legitimate duties. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -V: That the said Sri M. Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal being a responsible Government Servant, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal has tampered as well as fabricated the Revenue Records after colluded with the then Tahsildar, Gurazala and also Rondi Sambaiah's family members in respect of 1963 Adangal copy which is under custody of Revenue Department as a primary record with mala-fide intention. He has showed gross negligence in his legitimate duties. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -VI: That the said Sri M. Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal being a responsible Government Servant, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal has made illegal activities with the connivance of the then Tahsildar, Gurazala Mandal together with the assistance of Rondi Sambaiah's family members while making irregular entries in the Adangals without fallowing due procedure and

entre the names of Rondi Sambaiah's family members in the old Adangal copies by way of stricken entries with pen and not carried out for the next year, which means that all the entries are made at one time with mala-fide intention. He has showed gross negligence in his legitimate duties. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -VII: That the said Sri M. Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal being a responsible Government Servant, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal has recommended for issuance of Pattadar Pass Books in respect of Assigned lands which are under prohibitory category as against the rules in force under AP Assigned Lands (POT) Act, 1977 in favour of Rondi Sambaiah's family members. He has showed gross negligence in his legitimate duties. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -VIII: That the said Sri M. Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal being a responsible Government Servant, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal has recommended for issuance of Pattadar Pass Books to Rondi Sambaiah's family members without proper verification of Survey records and issued by way of sub-division manually as against the survey procedure i.e., no sub-divisions made in the Sy.Nos.675/3, 699/3, 707/1, 709/1 and 709/2 and also there was no survey number (718) was existing on the ground where as actual the said number was already sub-divided. He has showed gross negligence in his legitimate duties. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -IX: That the said Sri M. Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal being a responsible Government Servant, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal has not made any enquiry as to how the lands were derived to Rondi Sambaiah's family members in partition i.e., in Sy.No.744/2 an extent of Ac.1.20 cents was claimed by Rondi Akkamma simply as her ancestral property, derived from the ancestors of her husband Rondi Sambaiah. In Sy.No.712/5 an extent of Ac.1.51 cents was claimed by Rondi Venkata Siva, simply as his ancestral property. But none of them have produced partition deeds or other related documents during the time of enquiry and accordingly, the individual has simply recommended for issuance of PPBs and enable to issue Title Deed and made entries into online with corrupted intention. He has showed gross negligence in his legitimate duties. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -X: That the said Sri M. Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal being a responsible Government Servant, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal has involved in transfer certain patta lands by way of issuing Pattadar Pass Books to Rondi Sambaiah's family members and made online entries in Adangal as against who are actual cultivators as well as original title holders on ground i.e., Singam Venkateswarlu in Sy.No.674/3 - Ac.1.59 cents, Pidatala Kotaiah in Sy.No.718/3 - Ac.3.32 cents, Kadiyam Yesudanam in Sy.No.744/1 - Ac.2.25 cents and Kadiyam Yemelamma in Sy.No.712/1 - Ac.1.51 cents. He has showed gross negligence in his legitimate duties. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -XI: That the said Sri M. Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal being a responsible Government Servant, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala village, Gurazala Mandal has recommended for issuance of Pattadar Pass Books to Rondi Venkata Siva S/o Rondi Sambaiah in Sy.No.721/1 to an extent of Ac.5.43 cents and Sy.No.725 to an extent of Ac.10.50 cents, even though the subject lands are exihibited as AW lands in the already submitted list of Prohibitory Category to the Sub-Registrar, Gurazala vide Lr.Rc.No.Spl.1/2010, dt.14.05.2010 of the Tahsildar, Gurazala. He has showed gross negligence in his legitimate duties. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ANNEXURE - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI M.KOTESWARA RAO, FORMER VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, GOTTIMUKKALA VILLAGE, GURAZALA MANDAL

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Based on a petition by one Sri Kalangi Venkateswarlu, Gurajala against issue of Pass Books to Rondi Sambaiah and his family members of Gottimukkala village, Gurajala Mandal and selling of patta land belonging to Sri Sunke Nagaiah at Sy.No.607/3 etc., the Vigilance & Enforcement Department have conducted the enquiry and made the following allegations with findings and recommendations vide Vigilance report No.53 (C.No.1178/V&E/D1/2015), dt.08.08.2016 of General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Dept., Government of Andhra Pradesh and Memo No.REV-18023/22/2016-VIG-III-REV, Revenue (Vigilance-III) Dept., dt.08.12.2016 received through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Vijayawada vide CCLAs Ref.No.VS.II(1)/1324/2016, dt.25.01.2017, in which it was requested the District Collector, Guntur to take necessary immediate action on the following recommendations of the Vigilance & Enforcement Department and also to send draft article of Charges & imputations to initiate disciplinary action against the Government Servants, for taking further action.

Details of enquiry:

Allegation -I: Rondi Sambaiah, Bommu Nagaiah and 60 others got fake pass books by making illegal record entries in 1-B Register with the connivance of Revenue officials and mortgaged the lands in the bank.

During the course of enquiry, the V&E officials interacted with the Tahsildar, Gurazala and obtained the revenue record of the 62 farmers where allegations were leveled of fake entries being made in the 1-B Register of Gottimukkala (V). V&E officials also interacted with Bank Managers of 1) State Bank of Hyderabad, Gurazala 2) State Bank of India, Gurazala 3) Andhra Bank, Gurazala 4) Chaitanya Godavari Grameena Bank, Gurazala and 5) District Co-Operative Central Bank, Gurazala to trace out whether any loans were obtained by the 62 farmers by mortgaging the said lands.

Allegation -II: Illegal land holdings and issue of Pass Books to Rondi Sambaiah and his family members for an extent of Ac.51.68 cents.

Description: Sri Rondi Sambaiah is a resident of Gottimukkala Village of Gurazala Mandal and Rondi Akkamma is his wife. Rondi Siva Krishna, Rondi Siva Naga Raju & Rondi Venkata Siva are his family members. Altogether the family is having Ac.51.68 cents of Govt. lands and got pass books illegally from the Tahsildar, Gurazala.

Allegation -III: Rondi Siva Krishna S/o Rondi Sambaiah of Gottimukkala (V) of Gurazala (M) has sold the land of Sunke Nagaiah in Sy.No.607/3 for an extent of Ac.4.34 cents and Govt. land in Sy.No.607/2 for an extent of Ac.3.15 cents of Gottimukkala (V) of Gurazala (M) and executed a document illegally in favour of Regency Cements and Chemicals Limited, Hyderabad, vide Doc.No.2744/2008, dt.06.08.2008 without having proper rights over the said lands.

Summary Findings:

Allegation -I:

(1) The Tahsildar, Gurazala has not filed counter affidavit in the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. The status of the case in the High Court is still pending as downloaded from the High Court official website. The Tahsildars who worked for the period from 2010 till date have not taken any steps to vacate the case.

(2) As per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, the Tahsildar, Gurazala has to verify the genuineness of each and every case. But, the then Tahsildar, Gurazala has simply entrusted the work to the Revenue Inspector, Gurazala. The RI has not enquired into the records of 15 farmer's out of the entrusted 62 farmers list. Based on the report of the

RI, Gurazala the then Tahsildar, Gurazala, Smt. A. Saralavathi has prepared a report and submitted to the RDO, Narasaraopet on 24.06.2012, duly requesting the RDO, Narasaraopet to cancel the Pattadar Pass Books and Title deeds issued on Govt. lands irregularly in the names of the 62 farmers. Later the Gurazala division started functioning from around 2013 onwards and the Revenue Divisional Officer, Gurazala has not issued any such orders for cancellation of 1-B entries inserted illegally.

(3) The details of loan account holders of Gottimukkala Village was obtained by then Tahsildar, Gurazala, Sri R. Anand from A) Chaitanya Godavari Grameena Bank, Gurazala B) State Bank of India, Gurazala C) Andhra Bank, Gurazala D) Andhra Bank, Rentachintala and after verification, it is seen none of the 62 farmers involved in the illegal entries made in 1-B register have taken loans from there banks. However they might have taken loans elsewhere.

(4) The lands are rich in limestone deposits and some of the companies planned to start their investment in the said area and also got mining leases/ prospecting licenses. By seeing the demand the land grabbers have focused on the said lands and tried to grab the vacant lands by making false entries in the 1-B Register of Gottimukkla (V) of Gurazala (M). But, at present all the pending mining leases/ prospecting licenses were rejected as per the Mines and Minerals Act, 2015 of Govt. of India. The lands are valuable and cost Rs.4 to 5 lakhs per acre and hundreds of acres lie barren on the field.

(5) The Regency Chemicals & Cements Ltd., Hyderabad has purchased Ac.201.00 cents in Gottimukkala village to establish a cement company in the said area as per the records available in Tahsildar Office, Gurazala. M/s Veera Bhadra Minerals (P) Ltd., Hyderabad has applied for mining lease for Ac.806.16. M/s Rock Well Mining Company, Hyderabad has applied for prospecting license for Ac.520.21. M/s Koushiki Iron & Ore (P) Ltd., Hyderabad has applied for prospecting license for Ac.4950.39. Further, a mining lease was already granted to M/s Sanghi Cements Ltd., for a period of 30 years in the said area but, at present all the mining leases and prospecting licenses were cancelled / rejected as per the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Amendment Act, 2015 of Government of India, under Section 10 A (1) "All applications received prior to the date of commencement of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Ordinance, 2015 shall become ineligible".

(6) As per the Manuscript Register, the lands from Sy.No.523 to 770 are shown as Gayalu (Assessed Waste lands), but also recorded as Rythwari - Punji against classification. After Dis-reservation of forest lands, the said lands might have been given on ryothwari pattas to the poor farmers. As the lands are barren lands and filled with big boulders, some might have started cultivation in the said lands where economically feasible and others might have abandoned the lands.

(7) There are many discrepancies between Adangal copy and FMB copy. As per the FMB, the Sy.No.675, 699, 707, 709 and 709/2 is intact but in the Adangal it was shown as sub-divided. The Sy.No.718 was already sub-divided as per the FMB copy, but in the Adangal copy along with the Sub-division numbers again the Sy.No.718 was shown as single number. There were lot of differences in the field extents also. For example the extent of Sy.No.709 as per FMB record is Ac.5.88 cents and as per the Adangal copy, it was shown as Ac.5091 cents.

(8) Except the Manuscript Register and Adangal copies of 2010 & 2016 no other record is available in the Tahsildar office i.e., Disreservation of forest lands and issue of ryothwari pattas to the farmers in the 1930's. Further, only an old Adangal copy of 1963 is available.

(9) As per the copy furnished by the Tahsildar, Gurazala which he received from the Collector's Office, there were ceiling lands in Sy.Nos.688/1, 560/1A, 561/2.

Allegation -II:

(1) Rondi Akkamma, Rondi Venkata Siva, Rondi Siva Naga Raju and Rondi Siva Krishna have stated that they obtained information of their ancestral

property from the Tahsildar, Gurazala under RTI Act and obtained a copy of 1963 Adangal copy. By knowing the status of the lands on their ancestor's names, they have applied for pass books and online entries. They do not know the status of the lands until the year 2009.

(2) There were several insertions in the 1963 old Adangal copy available at Tahsildar Office, Gurazala relating to Rondi Sambaiah's family member's claimed lands. For example, there was no survey number existing on Sy.No.718 and it was already sub-divided as 718/1, 718/2, 718/3 & 718/4 long before. But, there was an insertion on Sy.No.718 in 1963 old Adangal copy and also entry in the present Adangal copy. Rondi Sambaiah's family members have managed the revenue officials for insertion of their ancestor's names in the 1963 old Adangal copy in certain cases.

(3) As per the old Adangal copy of 1963 mentioned by Rondi Sambaia's family members, out of the 18 survey numbers they held 11 are assigned and not allotted to anyone as per the record available in the Tahsildar's Office, Gurazala.

(4) The copies of Adangals furnished by Tahsildar, Gurazala Sri Vempati Raghu Ram and the Village Revenue Officer, Mallela Koteswara Rao for the years of 2007, 2009 and 2011 are computerized adangals and there were no computerized entries of Rondi Sambaiah family members except in the Sy.Nos.745/7 and in 718 and it was noticed that all the entries made at Rondi Siva Krishna, Rondi Siva Naga Raju, Rondi Siva Krishna and Rondi Ankamma, except in Sy.Nos.745/7 and 718, are stricken entries made with pen and not carried out for the next years, which means that all the entries are made at one time with malafide intention. There were no details of the proceedings and signatures of the concerned that entered the names of Rondi Sambaiah's family members in the old Adangal copies. The then Tahsildar, Gurazala Sri Vempati Raghuram and Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala Sri Mallela Koteswara Rao have co-operated with Rondi Sambaiah's family members in the above illegal activities.

(5) There were DK Patta lands said to be purchased by Rondi Sambaiah's family which is against the rules of the AP Assigned Lands (POT) Act, 1977. Sri V. Raghuram has simply issued pass books to Rondi Sambaiah's family on the plea of good faith and on humanitarian grounds and Sri Mallela Koteswara Rao, VRO, Gottimukkala has stated that he is not aware of POT Act, 1977. Sri T. Praveen Kumar also made online entries for the assigned land purchases without observing the POT Act of 1977.

(6) The DK Pattas and DK register claimed by the Rondi Sambaiah's family is not traced in the office of Tahsildar, Gurazala. The family members of Rondi Sambaiah appears to have fabricated the Pattas with a malafide intention to grab Govt. lands.

(7) Further, the Tahsildar, Gurazala, Sri Vempati Raghuram and VRO, Gottimukkala Sri Mallela Koteswara Rao in their version have stated that the family members of Rondi Sambaiah are in possession of the said lands for the last 20 years. But, Rondi Sambaiah's family members have stated that they obtained details of their ancestral lands under RTI Act around the year 2009 and the purchases made on agreement were also around the year 2008 and 2009. Hence, possession of said lands by the applicants since 20 years does not arise.

(8) The Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala Sri Mallela Koteswara Rao has not conducted any enquiry in the village and no such records is available in the office of Tahsildar, Gurazala. He simply recommended for issue of pass books and the then Tahsildar, Gurazala, Sri Vempati Raghuram has issued the pass books.

(9) There were no sub divisions made in the Sy.Nos.675/3, 699/3, 707/1, 709/1 and 709/2. There was no 718 survey number existing on the ground and it was already sub-divided. The then Tahsildar, Gurazala, Sri V. Raghuram and VRO, Gottimukkala village Sri Mallela Koteswara Rao have issued pass books to Rondi Sambaiah's family members without proper verification.

(10) The then Tahsildars of Gurazala, A) Vempati Raghuram and B) Taningi Praveen Kumar have not enquired as to how the lands were derived to Rondi Sambaiah's family members in partition. For example, in Sy.No.744/2, an

extent of Ac.1.20 cents was claimed by Rondi Akkamma simply as her ancestral property, derived from the ancestors of her husband Sri Rondi Sambaiah. In Sy.No.712/5, an extent of Ac.1.51 cents was claimed by Rondi Venkata Siva simply as his ancestral property. But, none of them have produced partition deeds or other related documents during the time of enquiry. The Tahsildars have issued pass books and title deeds and made entries into online.

(11) Against the Sy.No.745/7, the online entry was made as 754/7 which does not existed on the field actually. Against the Sy.No.712/1, the pass book entry was made as 712/5. There was no FMB copy for the Sy.No.754. The Tahsildars, A) Vempati Raghuram and B) T. Praveen Kumar have made pass book entries and online entries without making proper enquiry.

(12) According to the Manuscript Register, the extent of the Sy.No.674/3 is Ac.1.59 cents and was recorded in the name of Singam Venkateswarlu and the property was derived by his ancestors through registered documents No.1559, dt.06.07.1943. But, the pass book was issued to Rondi Akkamma W/o Rondi Sambaiah for an extent of Ac.2.00 cents in the same Survey number and online entries were also made by the then Tahsildars A) Vempati Raghuram and B) T. Praveen Kumar.

(13) According to the Doc.No.294/1944, dt.10.04.1944, the ancestors of Pidatala Kotaiah purchased an extent of Ac.3.32 cents in the Sy.No.718/3. According to the Manuscript Register available at Tahsildar office, Gurazala, the total extent of 718/1, 2, 3 & 4 is Ac.10.63 cents. But, pass book was issued to Rondi Siva Naga Raju S/o Rondi Sambaiah for an extent of Ac.8.56 cents on Sy.No.718. Thus, the total extent becomes Ac.3.32 + Ac.8.56 = 11.88 cents, exceeding the full extent of the said survey number. The survey number 718 does not exist on the field actually. Not examining on the field and total extent of the Sy.No.718, the then Tahsildars A) Vempati Raghuram and B) T. Praveen Kumar have issued pass books and made online entries. Rondi Siva Naga Raju has mortgaged the land in the HDFC Bank, Macherla and obtained loan of Rs.7,00,000/-. The bank officials sent the details to Mallela Koteswara Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala for confirmation and he simply confirmed that the said land is in possession of Rondi Siva Naga Raju S/o. Rondi Sambaiah. The present Tahsildar, Gurazala G.V.S. Phaneendra Babu on the complaint received from the present petitioner Kalangi Venkateswara Rao has revoked the online entries made against Rondi Akkamma and Rondi Siva Naga Raju, but again made online entries in their names. Taking it as confirmation against the pending application filed by Rondi Siva Naga Raju, the HDFC banking officials sanctioned crop loan and term loan to Rondi Siva Naga Raju for an amount of Rs.7,00,000/-. The land is actually barren on the ground.

(14) In Sy.No.744/1, an extent of Ac.2.25 cents was derived as ancestral property by Kadiyam Yesudanam S/o. Raja Ratnam and he also has pass book with No.760266 & Khata No.506. But, the then Tahsildars A) Vempati Raghuram and B) T. Praveen Kumar and VRO Mallela Koteswara Rao have issued pass book to Rondi Akkamma W/o. Rondi Sambaiah and made online entries on her name.

(15) In Sy.No.712/1, Kadiyam Yemelamma has enjoyment for an extent of Ac.1.51 cents. But the then Tahsildars A) Vempati Raghuram and B) T. Praveen Kumar and VRO Mallela Koteswara Rao have issued pass books to Rondi Venkata Siva S/o. Rondi Sambaiah and made online entries on his name.

(16) The then Tahsildar, Gurazala mandal has sent the list of Govt lands under Section-22A of Registration (A.P. Registration Act) Act 2007 to the Sub-Registrar, Gurazala vide letter Rc.No.Spl.1/2010, dt.14.05.2010, in which the Sy.No.721/1 for an extent of Ac.5.43 cents and Sy.No.725 for an extent of Ac.10.50 cents were mentioned as AW lands. But the then Tahsildars A) Vempati Raghuram and B) T. Praveen Kumar and VRO Mallela Koteswara Rao have issued pass books to Rondi Venkata Siva S/o Rondi Sambaiah and made online entries on his name.

(17) Many of the online entries were ported on 01.08.2015 by the then Tahsildar, Gurazala Sri T. Praveen Kumar i.e., on his relieving day as Tahsildar,

Gurazala. The then Tahsildar, Gurazala, Sri T. Praveen Kumar with a malafide intention co-operated with Rondi Sambaiah's family members.

(18) Mallela Koteswara Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala has recommended the pass books and based on the recommendations, the then Tahsildar Sri Vempati Raghuram issued pass books to Rondi Sambaiah's family members. Further, he illegally entered the name of his daughter Smt. Mekala Naga Malleswari in the 1-B record of Sy.No.640/3A for an extent of Ac.1.00 cents.

(19) After conducting the field inspection and perusing the enjoyment report submitted by the Mandal Dy. Surveyor, Gurazala Mandal regarding the above lands, it is noticed that most of the land is barren.

Allegation -III:

(1) Only a copy of Adangal of latest Fasli year of 1426 is available in the Gurazala Tahsildar office connecting to the said survey numbers and in that the name of Sunke Nagaiah was recorded against Sy.No.607/3 and in Sy.No.607/2 the land was recorded as 'Bandi Dari'.

(2) In the list of Govt lands communicated by the Tahsildar, Gurazala, vide Rc.No.334/2007/A, dt.01.09.2007, the land in Sy.No.607/2 was shown under Patta Lands.

(3) In further list communicated by the Tahsildar, Gurazala, vide Rc.No.Spl.1/2010, dt.14.05.2010 the land in Sy.No.607/2 was shown as AW land.

(4) The Registration of the Document No.2744/2008 was executed on 6.8.2008 by Rondi Siva Krishna i.e., before communicating the 2nd list from the Tahsildar office, Gurazala at the time of the then Incharge Sub-Registrar, Chintal Krishna Murthy, Junior Assistant, who died four years ago.

(5) In 1963 old Adangal copy, the Sy.No.607/2 was shown as "DC Reserve" and as per the Assignment Register particulars of the Tahsildar office, Gurazala, the land was not allotted to any one.

(6) No proper Revenue records are available in the Tahsildar office, Gurazala and Revenue Divisional Officer, Gurazala for the de-reserved lands in Gottimukkala (V) of Gurazala (M) and Sy.No.607/2 & 607/3 is one among them.

(7) As per the Revenue records furnished by Sunke Nagaiah, the Sy.No.607/3 is recorded in the name of Sunke Nagaiah and it is under his cultivation at present.

(8) The FIR filed against Sri Gade Satyanarayana, the then VAO of Gottimukkala village and Rondi Siva Krishna was quashed by the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh. It is observed that there was no initiative to trace the related Revenue record in Tahsildar office, Gurazala or suitable directions from the Collector's office, Guntur after quashing of case on G. Satyanarayana, former VRO of Gottimukkala (V) and Rondi Siva Krishna S/o Rondi Sambaiah, Executant of Doc.No.2744/2008.

(9) Rondi Sambaiah (F/o Rondi Siva Krishna), who succeeded in this case and got illegal gain in the said transaction, has focused on similar lands available in Gottimukkala (V) and with the connivance of some revenue officials obtained 1963 old Adangal copy and fabricated documents to get pass books and online entries on the names of his family members.

Abstract of Recommendations:

Sl. No.	Allegations substantiated in brief	Name and Address of the Officer responsible	Action recommended
1	Shown gross negligence in discharging his duties and without proper verification of connected records has issued pass books to Rondi Akkamma, Rondi Venkata Siva, Rondi Siva Naga Raju and Rondi Siva Krishna.	Vempati Raghuram, former Tahsildar of Gurazala Mandal and present Tahsildar, KRRC, O/o RDO, Narasaraopet.	Major Disciplinary action along with suitable criminal action.

2	Shown gross negligence in discharging his duties and without proper verification of connected records has made online entries to Rondi Akkamma, Rondi Siva Krishna, Rondi Venkata Siva and Rondi Siva Naga Raju.	T. Praveen Kumar, former Tahsildar, Gurazala Mandal and presently Divisional Administrative Officer, O/o RDO, Narasaraopet.	Major Disciplinary action along with suitable criminal action.
3	Shown gross negligence in discharging his duties and made online entries in the name of Rondi Siva Naga Raju in the Sy.No.718 and caused sanction of Rs.7,00,000/- crop loan to him from HDFC Bank, Macherla.	G.V.S. Phaneendra Babu, Tahsildar, Gurazala Mandal.	Major disciplinary action.
4	1) Colluded in the issue of fake pass books to Rondi Akkamma, Rondi Venkata Siva, Rondi Siva Naga Raju and Rondi Siva Krishna. 2) Caused illegal entries in the name of Rondi Akkamma, Rondi Venkata Siva and Rondi Siva Krishna in the Adangals of 2007, 2009 and 2011 of Gottimukkala (V). 3) Made illegal entry in the name of his daughter Mekala Malleswari in the 1-B register for an extent of Ac.1.00 in Sy.No.640/3A.	Mallela Koteswara Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala (V), Gurazala (M).	Major Disciplinary action along with suitable criminal action.
5	Fabricated DK pattas, revenue records and documents. By showing the illegal documents, she got Pass Book and Title deed and also online entries for the said lands as stated supra with the connivance of revenue officials.	Rondi Akkamma W/o Rondi Sambaiah, Gottimukkala (V) Gurazala (M)	Suitable Criminal action.
6	Fabricated DK pattas, revenue records and documents. By showing the illegal documents, he got Pass Book and Title deed and also online entries for the said lands as stated supra with the connivance of revenue officials.	Rondi Siva Naga Raju S/o Rondi Sambaiah, Gottimukkala (V) Gurazala (M)	Suitable Criminal action.
7	Fabricated DK pattas, revenue records and documents. By showing the illegal documents, he got Pass Book and Title deed and also online entries for the said lands as stated supra with the connivance of revenue officials.	Rondi Venkata Siva S/o Rondi Sambaiah, Gottimukkala (V) Gurazala (M)	Suitable Criminal action.

8	Fabricated DK pattas, revenue records and documents. By showing the illegal documents, he got Pass Book and Title deed and also online entries for the said lands as stated supra with the connivance of revenue officials.	Rondi Siva Krishna S/o Rondi Sambaiah, Gottimukkala (V) Gurazala (M)	Suitable Criminal action.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is requested to direct District Collector, Guntur through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP.

(a) to appoint one special officer not below the rank of Spl. Grade Deputy Collector to rebuild the revenue record of Gottimukkala village from Sy.No.523 to Sy.No.770 and to settle the land issues by making field enjoyment survey and to resume the Govt lands under encroachment, including the lands falsely claimed by Rondi Sambaiah's family members.

(b) to direct the Revenue Divisional Officer, Gurazala to monitor the case pending at Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh vide W.P.No.2805/2010 and to see that suitable counter affidavit is filed by the Tahsildar, Gurazala, after conducting thorough enquiry and to cancel the 1-B entries made illegally in the 1-B register of Gottimukkala Village.

(c) to direct the Revenue Divisional Officer, Gurazala to cancel the Pass Books and Title deeds of Rondi Akkamma, Rondi Siva Naga Raju, Rondi Venkata Siva and Rondi Siva Krishna.

(d) to initiate disciplinary action and criminal prosecution against the Tahsildars and Rondi Sambaiah & his family members as per the abstract of recommendations.

(e) ensure that proper evidence is collected & carefully presented so that the case does not get quashed.

Thus, Sri M.Koteswara Rao, former Village Revenue Officer, Gottimukkala Village of Gurazala Mandal (now under suspension) by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a public servant in contravention of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI M. KOTESWARA RAO, THE THEN VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, GOTTIMUKKALA VILLAGE, ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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(1) Vigilance Report No.53 (C.No.1178/V&E/D1/2015), dt.08.08.2016 of General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Dept., Government of Andhra Pradesh.
(2) Memo No.REV-18023/22/2016-VIG-III-REV, Revenue (Vigilance-III) Dept., dt.08.12.2016.
(3) CCLAs Ref.No.VS.II(1)/1324/2016, dt.25.01.2017.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M. KOTESWARA RAO, THE THEN VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, GOTTIMUKKALA VILLAGE, ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

- Nil -

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